

**TULARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES**

The Tulare County Board of Education met for a regular Board meeting on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at Clemmie Gill School of Science and Conservation (SCICON), 41569 Bear Creek Road, in the Blue Oak Classroom at Eagle Point Village in Springville, CA.

PRESENT Board Members	Tom Link, President Joe Enea, Vice President Judy Coble Debby Holguin Celia Maldonado-Arroyo Chris Reed Tony Rodriguez Tim A. Hire, Ex-Officio Secretary
PRESENT Staff Members	Marlene Moreno, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent Dr. Fernie Marroquin, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services Chris Meyer, Director, Human Resources & Risk Management Stephanie Price, Secretary, SCICON Dianne Shew, Administrator, SCICON Andrea Perez, Assistant Superintendent, District Support Services
GUESTS	Guests listed in the guest register: Desiree Serrano.
CALL TO ORDER Pledge of Allegiance/ Welcome	Board President Tom Link welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Joe Enea led the Pledge of Allegiance.
ADA ACCOMMODATIONS	President Link reported that ADA accommodations had been met.
PUBLIC COMMENT	Members of the public did not address any matter of jurisdiction.
CONSENT CALENDAR	It was moved by Coble, seconded by Rodriguez to approve the consent calendar to include: minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of March 8, 2023, Countywide Registration of Credentials, Temporary County Certificates, and Emergency Permits. Motion unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Reed, Rodriguez, and Maldonado-Arroyo.
SECOND READING BOARD POLICY 6171 – POLICY AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION 6171 – TITLE I PROGRAMS	Dr. Marroquin requested the Board’s approval on the second reading for Board Policy 6171 – Policy and Administrative Regulation 6171 – Title I Programs. It was moved by Enea, seconded by Maldonado-Arroyo to approve Board Policy 6171, Policy and Administrative Regulation 6171- Title I Programs. Motion unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Reed, Rodriguez, and Maldonado-Arroyo.

<p>PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT, TCOE AND CSEA (899) FOR 2022-2023</p>	<p>Chris Meyer disclosed the collective bargaining agreement between TCOE and CSEA (Chapter 899) for 2022-2023. Local agencies are required to publicly disclose the provisions of all collective bargaining agreements. This item is information only.</p>
<p>PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT, TCOE AND TCOE/CTA FOR 2022-2023</p>	<p>Chris Meyer disclosed the collective bargaining agreement between TCOE and TCOE/CTA for 2022-2023. Local agencies are required to publicly disclose the provisions of all collective bargaining agreements. This item is information only.</p>
<p>PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT, TCOE AND CSEA (428) FOR 2022-2023</p>	<p>Chris Meyer disclosed the collective bargaining agreement between TCOE and CSEA (Chapter 428) for 2022-2023. Local agencies are required to publicly disclose the provisions of all collective bargaining agreements. This item is information only.</p>
<p>RESOLUTION NUMBER 22/23-23 PERS EXCEPTION TO THE 180-DAY WAIT PERIOD (Byerlee)</p>	<p>Chris Meyer asked for the Board’s approval on Resolution number 22/23-23, PERS Exception to the 180-day wait period for PERS retiree (Byerlee). They are unable to wait for him to start in September. There is a hardship to fill the ActVnet position with the type of expertise this person has. It was moved by Enea, seconded by Holguin to approve Resolution Number 22/23-23. Motion unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Reed, Rodriguez, and Maldonado-Arroyo.</p>
<p>SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE, TIME AND LOCATION FOR LOCAL CONTROL AND ACCOUNTABILITY (LCAP)</p>	<p>Dr. Fernie Marroquin requested the Board’s approval on a public hearing date/time and location for Local Control and Accountability (LCAP) be set for May 10, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. It was moved by Coble, seconded by Maldonado-Arroyo to approve May 10, 2023, 3:00 p.m. as the date and time for a public hearing for LCAP. Motion unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Reed, Rodriguez, and Maldonado-Arroyo.</p>
<p>SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE, TIME AND LOCATION FOR TCOE BUDGET</p>	<p>Dr. Fernie Marroquin asked the Board to approve the public hearing date, time and location for TCOE Budget. It was moved by Reed, seconded by Enea to approve May 10, 2023, 3:00 p.m. as the date and time for a public hearing for the TCOE Budget. Motion unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Reed, Rodriguez, and Maldonado-Arroyo.</p>

SEEKING  
AUTHORIZATION TO  
CONTRACT  
NEGOTIATIONS WITH  
FIRST STUDENT  
(Student Transportation)

Dr. Fernie Marroquin asked the Board for approval to seek authorization to contract negotiations with First Student (student transportation). Ms. Coble asked what does the “total points” in the handout mean. Fernie said the point system is to evaluate the actual bid. The company with the highest number of points gets the bid. Ms. Reed said we are currently using STA student transportation. It was moved by Reed, seconded by Maldonado-Arroyo to approve and authorize contract negotiations with First Student. Motion unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Reed, Rodriguez, and Maldonado-Arroyo.

LOW BID FOR  
DINUBA HIGH  
SCHOOL SPECIAL  
SERVICES  
CLASSROOM  
PROJECT

Dr. Fernie Marroquin presented the low bid for approval from David A. Bush Construction for the Dinuba High School Special Services classroom project. Ms. Reed asked if we have used this construction company in the past. Mr. Hire advised the Board that we have used this company several times in the past. It was moved by Enea, seconded by Rodriguez to accept and approve the low bid from David A. Bush Construction. Motion unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Reed, Rodriguez, and Maldonado-Arroyo.

SCICON REPORT

Mr. Hire called on Dianne Shew to present the SCICON Report. He thanked her and her staff for closing down SCICON to keep students and staff safe during the flooding that left devastation throughout SCICON. The new truck and tractor came just in time to make the campus repairs a bit easier. Dianne thanked Mr. Hire for these new pieces of much-needed equipment/vehicles.

Dianne gave a huge “thank you” to Jeff Ramsay, Mr. Hire, Fernie Marroquin, SCICON Interns/staff, and Maintenance & Operations staff for all their quick-action help in repairing the broken bridges and destroyed trails/pathways that the flooding caused. Dianne showed a slide show of before and after photos that demonstrated the total damage that occurred. Dianne was disappointed that the SCICON Barbecue was cancelled but it was to keep everyone safe. President Link thanked Dianne for her report.

SUPERINTENDENT’S  
REPORT

Superintendent Hire pointed out the importance of having good business relationships with local companies. Some of these companies were quick to respond to the repairs needed at SCICON. Ms. Holguin thanked Dianne for the love that she has for SCICON.

Mr. Hire reported to the Board that Hot Springs was closed for a while due to the weather. Three Rivers School District experienced the worst damage due to all the flooding. They had a sink hole and lost a building in it. Springville had a bridge wash out where seven houses were lost. An evacuation was given to families in Allensworth and in Alpaugh. They are hoping to have their kids back in school soon. We will have to hold our breath to see how all these districts handle the snow melt.

The students who have missed school due to the weather will not have to make up the days they missed. Their districts will have to submit a J13A waiver to collect their ADA. Mr. Link read part of an article from a local newspaper that said that districts which will be threatened with flooding in the next month or two will probably be Three Rivers, Sequoia Union, Palo Verde and Saucelito.

Despite all the challenges due to the weather, Superintendent Hire reported that we had a great Spelling Bee, Poetry & Prose, and Math Superbowl. We are looking forward to our scheduled Friday Night Live Lip Sync contest on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

The latest Farm Bureau calendars, in the Board's folders, were mentioned by Mr. Hire. Alexandra Rogers assisted with the health facts stated in each month of the calendar.

Mr. Hire advised the Board that he would be traveling around the county today to make announcements to the top winners of the 2023 Tulare County Excellence in Education for the Administrator/Manager, Teacher and School Employee of the Year categories.

**NEXT SCHEDULED  
MEETINGS**

**Special Board Meeting – April 12, 2023, 10:45 a.m.  
May 10, 2023, 3:00 p.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.